

Senate File 55 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning the retention of existing highway rest areas.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 313.69 Rest area construction —
2 retention of existing rest areas.

3 Before a decision is made to build a new rest area, the
4 department shall conduct a thorough cost-benefit analysis
5 to compare the cost of locating and constructing a new rest
6 area and the cost of keeping an existing rest area open.
7 The department shall consider all available options for
8 reconstructing, expanding, or otherwise improving an existing
9 rest area in accordance with section 306C.21 and shall not
10 proceed with construction of a new rest area unless it is
11 determined that making improvements to the existing rest area
12 would be cost prohibitive.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill requires the department of transportation to
15 conduct a cost-benefit analysis before proceeding with
16 construction of a new rest area along an interstate, freeway
17 primary, or primary highway. The department is to consider all
18 available options for reconstructing, expanding, or otherwise
19 improving existing rest areas and may not proceed with new
20 construction unless it is determined that making improvements
21 to the existing rest area would be cost prohibitive.